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BENEFITS FROM SPICES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention has been drawn to the article in the Dream 2047 (November, 2004) brought out by Vigyan Prasar of DST on the Spices in our Diet which highlights several beneficial effects of spices;

(b) whether any controlled trial has been conducted in the field;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these results will be made public through media;

(e) if so, whether such spices will be available in standard preparation form with certification by BIS/ICMR; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. As reported in scientific literature, controlled trials for beneficial effects of spices on animals and in some cases on human beings have been conducted by research institutions in India and other countries.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e)&(f): The matter could be taken up through appropriate regulatory mechanisms only after consistent results are obtained and corroborated by various research laboratories / institutions.